

What is the 4-H Lingo?

4-H is not a foreign language, but for many new 4-H families the “4-H Lingo” may seem like one. Common abbreviations for the seasoned 4-H families can leave new ones mystified. The spectrum of 4-H opportunities is endless and knowing where to begin can be your family’s ticket to a positive and rewarding 4-H experience.

Achievement Awards - 4-H members may apply for local Junior and Senior Achievement Awards. The Achievement Award applications are posted at www.ohio4h.org. The deadline to apply, typically in late September, is listed in the 4-H calendar. 4-H’ers age 14-18 as of January 1st, may also apply for one of over twenty State Achievement Project Awards as well as the opportunity to serve on State Junior Fair Board and/or attend a variety of State and National Conferences. Applications are due in January.

Camp - Members enjoy outdoor fun and adventure while learning and making new friends at one of Ohio’s fourteen 4-H Camps. Camping opportunities are available for Cloverbuds, members and teens with some focused in a particular project area. Teens serve as camp counselors developing leadership and group dynamic skills.

CARTEENS - Teens, with a driver’s permit or license, serve as peer facilitators and instructors to teach first time traffic offenders. They lead group discussions, role play traffic situations, conduct interactive traffic related games, and engage in informal dialog with a patrol officer.

Community Clubs - 4-H clubs must meet the Ohio 4-H Chartering requirements by April 2007 to use the 4-H name and emblem. A club must have a minimum of five members led by a 4-H volunteer(s) in a safe and welcoming environment with members participating in a series of experiential learning experiences.

Cloverbuds - 4-H members age 5 and in Kindergarten through 2nd grade or until they reach the age and grade requirements for 4-H project membership. Cloverbuds participate in cooperative activities. They may not enroll in 4-H projects.

Code of Conduct - The 4-H program expects members to model positive behavior at all sponsored events, activities, camps, contests including club meetings and Jr. Fair participation. Good sportsmanship and ethical decisions are principles valued by the 4-H organization.

Community Service - Giving back to one’s community through service helps 4-H’ers carry out their pledge “to larger service.” Service begins in your club, but can extend into county, regional, state, national and global efforts.

Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) - This form indicates your project animal has met all drug withdrawal periods at time of exhibition. The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) requires this form for exhibition of market beef, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, turkeys, meat chickens, meat rabbits, lactating dairy goats or dairy cows. One per animal/pen.



Enrollment - Children must enroll with a 4-H club and a project(s) by the county's 4-H enrollment deadline to be eligible for full county 4-H opportunities including Fair participation.

Exchange Programs - Participate in a great cultural experience within Ohio, the U.S. borders or abroad. Host an international participant or travel abroad yourself.

Experiential Learning - Simply put is Learning by Doing the 4-H Way through hands-on and mind-on projects, programs, and experiences. Members DO activities, QUESTION results, CONNECT to self and others, and USE experiences in daily life.

Extension Educator - OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development professional(s) give leadership to the development, implementation, and evaluation of the county 4-H program. These individuals manage, teach, facilitate, mediate, mentor, plan and deliver positive youth development programs through a variety of delivery methods.

Fair - Members may exhibit projects at the county fair. Fair exhibition is not a requirement for project completion, but a showcase for a member's 4-H project work and experiences. Teens may serve as Junior Fair Board members assisting with planning, conducting and evaluation of events, contests, and activities.

Family Guide - A booklet that lists all the 4-H projects including a brief project description, age guidelines, skill level and State Fair eligibility.

Fashion Review/Style Show - Clothing project members model the outfit sewn and/or purchased through their clothing project experience. The outfit must include garment(s) sewn and/or purchased and selected accessories for a total look outfit.

4-H Foundation - Established at The Ohio State University to accept contributions to benefit the educational efforts of the State and County 4-H programs. You may designate gifts to the State 4-H or a specific County 4-H Endowment.

Horse Safety Program - 4-H horse project members and their parent/guardian must complete this program before being eligible to participate in the 4-H Horse Program. Each member and his/her parent/guardian must annually sign the Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Horse Activities Form and submit it to the Extension Office.

Livestock Quality Assurance (QA) - Quality Assurance (QA) is an annual program required for members exhibiting market and lactating project animals by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Members can meet this requirement by attending a one hour+ quality assurance program focusing on the 10 Good Production Practices.

Newsletter - The county 4-H newsletter contains information about upcoming 4-H events and opportunities in the county. A new issue is available bi-monthly or seasonally. It is emailed and shared on the Extension office website and in the 4-H App, for access by all 4-H families and volunteers.



Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) - The Ohio Department of Agriculture is a regulatory agency that establishes and enforces policy regarding Livestock Quality Assurance, animal health rules for Fair exhibition, and food safety procedures to protect Ohio producers and consumers. <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/>

Officers - Members lead the club through holding office and chairing and serving on committees. 4-H officers include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, News Reporter, Recreation Leader, Safety Officer, Health Officer, Environmental Officer and Community Service Leader.

Performance Against Standards (PAS) - Horse project members may choose to participate in Performance Against Standards (PAS) Show(s) to qualify to participate in the State Fair Horse Show. A member may show in a maximum of four classes and must qualify in two classes to show at the State Fair. Members that qualify in more than two classes must select the two classes they intend to show in at the State Fair.

Permission Forms - 4-H will ask members, participating in camps, overnight trips, and high-risk activities, and their parent/guardian to read, sign and submit permission forms (permission slips, informed consents, and waivers). These forms help inform about potential risks.

Project - 4-H members enroll in projects to explore a topic or interest area through hands-on activities, sequential learning experiences, goal setting and evaluation. 4-H'ers keep records and documentation of project experiences in a Project Book.

Project Judging - Evaluation of a project member's knowledge through an interview with an adult judge, review of project book records, and exhibit of a project item and/or educational display.

Project Requirements - Outlines the possession dates, deadlines, project judging/skill-a-thon guidelines, resources, fair rules, judging dates, county and beyond county opportunities and much more. The format and delivery will vary between counties.

Public Speaking - Members may prepare a demonstration, speech, or skit to deliver at the club, county, regional or state level to enhance oral presentation skills. Contest opportunities include: Health & Safety, Horse and General Demonstrations.

Scholarships - Members that are high school seniors and college students may apply for county and/or state 4-H scholarships to assist with their future career education goals.

Shooting Sports - The Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports program teaches young people the safe and responsible use of shooting sports equipment, including the fundamentals of firing air guns, .22 caliber and muzzle loading rifles, pistols, shotguns, archery equipment, and crossbows; the basic principles of hunting; and the value of studying historic lifestyles and heritage crafts. The 4-H Shooting Sports program is only administered through Ohio 4-H certified shooting sports instructors, and members may only take shooting sports projects if their instructor has been certified in that specific discipline.



Skillathon - Evaluation of livestock, horse, and dog member's project knowledge through participating in hands-on skill stations that allow the member to apply knowledge/skill to real word situations. The skillathon is part of the evaluation process which also includes talking to a judge and submitting the 4-H project book for review.

State Fair Selection and Alternates - Member(s) selected to represent the county at the Ohio State Fair for a given non-livestock project or project area. Counties may select one member per project or State Fair class to participate. To be eligible, 4-H'ers must participate in the county project judging day.

Tag-In, Weigh-In Day - Date required to tag-in, weigh-in and/or identify your project animal for Junior Fair participation. There is one opportunity to do this. Check the 4-H calendar for the date, time, and location.

Teen Opportunities - Teens may serve as junior leaders within a club as officers and peer mentors and at the county level as members of Teen Leadership Committees, Jr. Fair Boards, Food and Nutrition Committees, Fashion Boards, Advisory Committees, CARTEENS, and Camp Counselors.

Volunteer or Club Advisor - Dedicated, enthusiastic, caring adults that have completed a selection, screening, and orientation process by OSU Extension. The current Ohio 4-H Volunteer Selection process includes a written application, reference checks, BCI background check, interview with Extension Educator and volunteer orientation.

Volunteer Standards of Behavior - Volunteering in 4-H is a privilege not a right. Approved volunteers agree to commit to the OSU Extension program, follow all policies and to adhere to a set of standards that ensure the safety and well-being of program participants. Violations of the standards can result in suspension or termination.

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4-H Club Lingo



Across

- 4. Dedicated and caring adults that donate time and energy to the local 4-H club and county 4-H program.
- 6. Evaluation of project member's knowledge through an interview with an adult judge.
- 7. Members use to explore a topic or interest area through hands-on activities and learning.
- 9. A statewide exhibition for members selected to represent the county and exhibit their project.
- 11. Members that lead the club through holding an office.
- 12. Members prepare a short speech to deliver at a club meeting about their project.
- 13. Permanent fund made possible through donations by 4-H members, individuals, businesses and fund-raising events.
- 14. Volunteers, adult and youth, assist in planning, conducting and evaluating various components of the county 4-H program.
- 15. Members, age 5 and in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, that do activities at their meetings.
- 16. Hands-on activity stations used to evaluate a member's knowledge of livestock and animal projects.

Down

- 1. Giving back to one's community through various service projects.
- 2. High school senior may apply for these to assist with future career education.
- 3. Annual program required for member exhibiting market and lactating project animals.
- 5. Booklet printed by the Extension Office that contains general 4-H rules, project requirements, skillathon information and the 4-H calendar.
- 8. Members enjoy outdoor fun and adventure while learning and making new friends.
- 10. Members exhibit projects at this annual event.



4-H Club Lingo



A crossword puzzle grid with 16 numbered starting points for clues. The grid consists of white squares for letters and empty spaces for non-letter positions. The numbers are: 1 (top right vertical), 2 (left vertical), 3 (vertical), 4 (horizontal), 5 (vertical), 6 (horizontal), 7 (horizontal), 8 (vertical), 9 (horizontal), 10 (horizontal), 11 (horizontal), 12 (horizontal), 13 (horizontal), 14 (horizontal), 15 (horizontal), and 16 (horizontal).

Across

- 4. Volunteer
- 6. Project Judging
- 7. Project
- 9. State Fair
- 11. Officers
- 12. Demonstration
- 13. Endowment
- 14. Committees
- 15. Cloverbuds
- 16. Skillathon

Down

- 1. Community Service
- 2. Scholarships
- 3. Quality Assurance
- 5. Member Handbook
- 8. Camp
- 10. Fair

